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Nov. 18th. 1982 Speaker: Mr. Jim Daenzer " Canadian Silver Dollars "

Dec. 2nd. 1982 Speaker: Mr. Henry Jakubczyk " Foreign Coins "

Dec. 16th. 1982 Christmas Party

Jan. 13th. 1983 Speaker: Mr. Gary Adkins " Buying and Selling at Auction "

Jan. 27th. 1983 Speaker: Mr. Jim Stiness " Civil War and Store Card Tokens "

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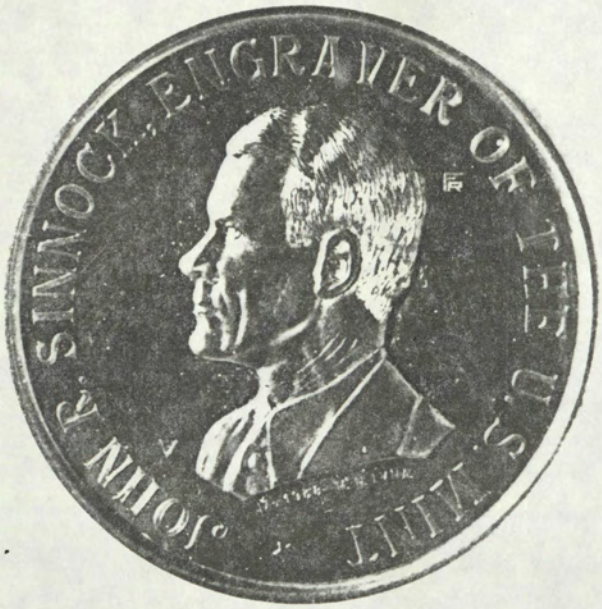
JOHN R. SIMMONS ENGRAVER OF THE U.S. MINT

MIGUEL L. MUÑOZ
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January 3rd, 1 9 8 8
Temp. 20°C = 68°F - Clear skies

Señor Don
N. Neil Harris
P.O.Box 951
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Estados Undos de N. América

Muy querido amigo Neil:

Thank you ever so much for your very nice long-hand letter of November 30. I guess it is now my turn to aplogize for the long delay in answering. This part of the year is very hectic in Mexico. Further, I have been involved in too many things and couldn't sit down and write a letter. I will explain this further when I see you in March at Colorado Springs.

I had made some inquiries of your whereabouts and I got no definite answers. I must say that I am very happy you have written me and now we are well connected again. I am giving you my home address where you can send me your letters, to be sure.

Anita and I are concerned about your mother; we sincerely hope that by now she is doing well in Virginia at lower altitude.

Attached herewith you will find copies of my two letters dated June 16th. You say that you have one of June 16, but I think you are missing the other where I give some information.

Up to the time of writing you this letter I have not received any casting. I sincerely hope that you have not sent any yet. The mail service is incredible slow all over the world. I feel it will be bether to pick up the casting in Colorado Springs and be sure. We are planning to attend the Midwinter Convention and we HAVE to get together somehow.

We take this opportunity to wish you success in your new enterprises and also wish you and your family all the best for 1989 and the following 100 years. Please let me hear from you. Hasta la vista ...

Muy sinceramente,

Miguel

Miguel L. Muñoz
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MIGUEL L. MUÑOZ

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June 16, 1 9 8 8

Temp. 22°F = 70°F - Overcast

Señor Don
N. Neil Harris, Editor
The Numismatist
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Estados Unidos de Norte América

Dear amigo Neil:

Please forgive my delay in answering your letter of May 5th. It really has not been my fault. I wanted to get the information on Sr. Valdés descendants; but I had difficulty in meeting his son. He talked over the 'phone several times and agreed to meet "soon".

This week, finally, I was able to get together with Sr.Lincoln Valdés, son of the Director of the Mint, Señor Francisco Valdés. Naturally, he is most interested in your activities and willing to cooperate. For the time being he promised to locate, at the Apartado Mint, the old Mexico mint, a biography of his father written by his elder brother many years ago. He says he know the whereabouts of the publication at the old mint, where he was born !

For the time being I am pleased to inform you that the initials FV on the Sinnock medal stand for Francisco Valdes, and the PR stand for Francisco Rivera Paniagua, engraver of the mint. He is also going to check and see if the Mexico mint kept a duplicate of the medal and get any other information he may find.

When he read your kind offer of a duplicate plaster he was very happy. Therefore, I shall sincerely appreciate your making a duplicate plaster and take same with you to Cincinnati to avoid all risks of breakage. Thank you in advance.

Please bear with me for a week or ten days. By then I expect to send you a complete information or, possibly more. Hasta la vista ...

Muy sinceramente,

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P.S. My printer has not delivered my paper. Please forgive the letterhead.

Vale

# American Numismatic Association

WORLD'S LARGEST ORGANIZATION FOR COLLECTORS OF COINS, TOKENS, MEDALS & PAPER MONEY


June 29, 1988

Miguel L. Munoz

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Dear Miguel:

Many thanks for your letter of June 16, 1988, in which you relate progress concerning answers to questions that I recently posed to you concerning a medal by John R. Sinnock and a subsequent medal being issued by the Mexico City Mint.

I am already gratified at your progress in this matter and the information that you provided me in your letter concerning the two sets of initials. I do have a question as to what the two sets of initials signify. First, the FV representing Francisco Valdes, are these representative of the designer of the piece and does FR which represents Francisco Rivera Paniagua, engraver of the mint, obviously represents that he engraved the piece.

I am still most willing to provide the duplicate plaster of the original model that I have in my possession for presentation to the Valdes descendants. However, I will not be able to do that quickly since I am leaving the employ of the American Numismatic Association effective today. I trust that you may not have read this fact which was recently mentioned in issues of Coin World and Numismatic News.

I will be in Colorado Springs for approximately another three weeks to one month and possibly longer and would ask that you address any future correspondence to my personal address, P.O. Box 951, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

It is very possible that I may be at the Cincinnati convention for just a day or at the most two but I doubt that there will be any time for me to make a rubber mold of the existing plaster model and pour a subsequent plaster model for delivery to you in Cincinnati. I promise you that as soon as I can find time to do this, I will make the cast and will ship it to you. I have shipped many plaster models to many destinations without breakage and therefore I guess I am pretty experienced in packing them to avoid breakage.

I am hoping that I will be able to pass through Cincinnati at the proper time and possibly see you there. In the meantime please accept my heartfelt thanks for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to seeing you, if possible, in Cincinnati in July or a further reply in the near future.

Sincerely,

N. Neil Harris
Editor

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MIGUEL L. MUÑOZ

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June 16, 1 9 8 8

Temp. 22°C = 70°F - About to rain

Señor Don
N. Neil Harris, Editor
THE NUMISMATIST
818 N. Cascade Avenue
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Estados Unidos de Norte América

Dear amigo Neil:

Thank you ever so much for your authorization to use the Carranza, Villa and Zapata articles. I have incorporated them after the introductory part in which I explain how the Revolution started. Afterwards I close with the segregation of the Oaxaca State.

Beth Deisher had requested me 40 pages and it turned out to be 56 pages. However, she accepted them after I informed her what had happened. It has been programmed for November, the anniversay of our Revolution is precisely November 20th.

As you may recall, when we talked in Little Rock, I told you that I was very interested in having an article in The Numismatist this year. I had an article almost ready for you a couple of months ago and then I decided that it was not good enough for your publication, so I started another.

I am now happy to attach herewith the article that I have entitled: The Decimal Monetary System - Its adoption in Mexico, which I sincerely hope it deserves your approval. If you wish to cut or add anything you are welcome.

I have not sent any pictures because the topic is a recent one and I am sure you have all of them. However, if after reading it, you deem you need additional photos, please let me know and I will do my best to provide them.

As a special favor I kindly ask you, if possible, to squeese this article in you 1988 calendar. If you cannot do it please do not feel bad about it. Simply do your best. Hasta la vista amigo ...

Muy sinceramente,

Miguel

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P.S. The printer has not yet delivered the paper. Please forgive the letterhead.

Vale

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Written In Our 97th Year

May 5, 1988

Miguel L. Munoz

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Dear Miguel:

Thank you for your letter of April 12, 1988, in which you request permission to use exerpts from three articles, authored by yourself and published by The Numismatist, in compiling an article for an upcoming monthly supplement for Coin World.

I herewith grant you permission to use exerpts from those previous articles as long as the following credit line is utilized in your current article for Coin World: "Reprinted through the courtesy of The Numismatist, the official publication of the American Numismatic Association, 818 N. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903".

The timing of your letter was perfect because I had just photocopied some material to send to you relating to the discussion we had in Little Rock about Francisco Valdes.

Enclosed are the two photocopies to which I refer. The first concerns a model that was sculptured by John R. Sinnock, former chief engraver of the United States Mint, in 1935 of Francisco Valdes. The second photocopy concerns a medal that was sculptured by M.N. Luna and struck at the Mexico City Mint of John R. Sinnock. This medal was prepared in 1938, as evidenced by the inscription at the truncation of the bust.

I now own the Valdes plaster and would be pleased to prepare a mold and a duplicate plaster casting for presentation to a descendant of Valdes, if the descendant is a friend of yours. Please let me know.

The Sinnock medal is actually a photocopy of a photograph that was taken of a plaster cast that I made from a die that we recently had donated to the ANA museum by Gilroy Roberts, also a former chief engraver of the United States Mint, who succeeded John Sinnock after his death in 1947.

On both of these photocopies I have made notations as to the information that I am seeking. I would be interested in more background material and information about Francisco Valdes since I know very little about him. If you could provide me with any biographical material on Valdes it would be much appreciated.

I think most everything else is self explanatory in regard to the information I am seeking and I am sure that you can be a great help to me in this regard because of your many contacts with the authorities at the Mexico City Mint.

Best wishes to you and your wife and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and also seeing you once again, hopefully in Cincinnati.

Sincerely,

N. Neil Harris
Editor/Director of Development and Membership Services

Enclosure(s)

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MIGUEL L. MUÑOZ
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April 12, 1 9 8 8

Temp. 15°C = 59°F - Cast, it may rain

Señor Don
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Estados Unidos de América

Dear amigo Neil:

It was nice to see you in Little Rock for a few minutes. Let's hope that in Cincinatti we find a bit more time to chat.

At present I am in a conflict and you are the only person that can solve it. I have promissed Coin World an article for their monthly supplement. I suggested as a topic The Mexican Revolution and Numismatics.

At present I have finished the pre-revolutionary situation of México (about 8 or 9 pages); but when getting into the 'real' revolution, I note that I have to use my own articles of Pancho Villa, Carranza and Zapata quite extensively. As you well know the three articles have been published in The Numismatist.

Complying with the rules of the game, I sincerely appreciate your written permission to use the above three articles giving The Numismatist full credit as you may wish.

Up to the time of writing you this note I have not heard from you regarding Señor VALDES ( Mo. Mint Master ) medals and the extensive file you have. If you are still interested on my following up this matter for you, please send me a memo and I will do my best.

Thank you in advance for the attention that you may give to my request. Hasta la vista, amigo ...

Muy sinceramente,

MIGUEL L. MUÑOZ

Miguel

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